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Major Gen. Enck Crowder has taken special occasion to express his pride "as a Missourian" in the Hall Coaching School. He referred to it as turning out students of unprecedentedly high standing and being accessible to appointees from the entire Mississippi Valley. Columbians will do well to learn more about this institution and to mention it when doing their boosting bit for their city.

## PAYING THE SOLDIERS' BONUS

The question of paying the proposed soldiers' bonus which is being urged on Congress brings a problem before the United States Treasury that may cause disaster in view of the Nation's financial condition. Between \$1,000,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000 will be necessary for the payment of this bonus, and there is not that much money in the Treasury for distribution. It would have to be raised by a bond issue or by additional taxation.

Four methods for obtaining the money have been proposed: Giving bonds instead of money to the soldiers, issuing additional certificates of indebtedness, issuing another Liberty Loan or imposing additional taxes.

To give the soldiers bonds instead of money would be the worst possible way to solve the situation. The bonus would be classed as depreciated money and could not be used at their face value. It would be dangerous to the Nation's credit and therefore to the value of the existing securities.

Certificates of indebtedness should only be issued as a forerunner to loans or taxes. A definite program would have to be planned for their payment when due, or banks and the investing public would not buy them.

A Liberty Loan at this time would probably be unsuccessful. Things done in wartime cannot be accomplished in times of peace. It is possible that the public would not feel their patriotic duty to invest in the bonds as they did in the previous campaigns.

Imposing additional taxes would probably be the best way to finance the bonus, but there is danger even in this method. At present taxes are so high the rich men are either sending their money out of the country, or are investing in exempt securities. The result of this is that there is now a shortage of capital for essential business.

The inevitable result that will follow any one of the four methods is that there will be an additional increase in the cost of living.

The barbers in Berlin are on a strike and are giving shaves and haircuts free. An example that Americans might follow.

## A NEW CONSTITUTION

Missouri has long been suffering under a constitution which no longer meets its needs. Attempts have constantly been made to bring about legislation for a new constitution for the state, but without success. The trouble has been that two great political parties have been afraid that a new constitution would favor one or the other. Accordingly they have killed every measure brought up to amend the Constitution.

It has been suggested that, since it seems improbable that any action will come out of the State Legislature, the constitution as it now stands be amended by initiative and referendum so that in addition to the bi-partisan representation from each senatorial district, fifteen delegates-at-large may be elected to represent Missourians in the constitutional convention. This plan would come nearer appealing to the politicians and would consequently meet with less opposition than the present one.

A technical objection that the people of Missouri cannot authorize a change in the constitution when the General Assembly cannot do so has been raised. As a technical matter this point may be well founded but from a common sense standpoint the initiative and referendum provides that the people of Missouri at all times constitutionally reserve the power to amend the constitution at any point, large or small. Surely the will of the people should not be limited by the constitutional restrictions which it is necessary to place about those who are employed as our representatives.

## Boy Born To Mr. and Mrs. C. Short.

A nine and a half pound boy was born Sunday morning at the home of Clement Short, proprietor of the Tavern Barber Shop.

## OFFICE OF CENSUS BUREAU GATHERS UNUSUAL CROWD

By RALPH F. COUCH

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Aided by complicated machines which perform miracles of automatic calculation, 3,000 expert statisticians and clerks in the employ of the census bureau here now are sorting and classifying the greatest mass of statistical information ever collected.

The population of the United States will be ready for announcement sometime in October under present plans. Director Sam L. Rogers said today. This population total, expected to be about 106,000,000, will be announced by states. State population announcements will begin to issue from the bureau in about six weeks.

Announcement of the city populations began February 21 and about 600 have been made. At least 1,000 more city population announcements may be expected, bureau officials estimate.

Congressmen, senators, civic organization representatives and newspaper men appear at the census bureau twice daily to receive city population announcements. Each by special telegraph arrangements previously set up, tries to be the first to get the news of his home town or city of its new nose count.

Newspapers "extra" on it and crowds gather at the bulletin boards. It's "big news," census bureau officials are told. Local boosters cheer—sometimes.

## Boosters Complain.

Complaints are flooding the bureau. They're usually from local boosters, civic bodies and sometimes from chambers of commerce protesting the count. The enumerators didn't get everybody in the count, is the text of most of the complaints.

"Thank you for calling this to our attention," reads a form letter which goes out immediately under the signature of Director Rogers. The letter promises an investigation of the count. And the boosters wait, but—

"In only two cases have we found that the complaints were justified and that our count was incorrect," said Rogers. "In these cases the enumerators skipped small groups of people."

## FRANCE HAS BIG WHEAT CROP

But Still Depends On The U. S. and South America.

Unlike the unfavorable reports of the wheat crop in the United States, France is expecting a good wheat crop, and has hopes that French people may once again eat white bread.

Dr. W. C. Etheridge, head of the farm crops department of the University of Missouri, gives as a rough estimate that only an 80 per cent yield is expected in the United States this year. France expects, on the other hand, an improvement in its crop over last year's work, both in regard to quality and quantity. The experts in that country say, however, that white bread will not be abundant for a few months at least, and that it will be necessary to import some wheat from the United States and South America again.

At the beginning of the year, certain statisticians in France predicted that the returns in wheat would be much below normal, according to the Journal de L'Quest of Poitiers. They based this opinion partly on the fact that so many farmers had quit raising cereals, and partly because of the large emigration of farm-hands. In the statisticians' opinion, the farmers felt they could not make enough profit from raising cereals due to unfavorable soil conditions. So far, however, the Poitiers paper continues, the weather there has been unusually favorable for oats and wheat, and bears promise to continue so.

## TALKS ON VALUE OF SPANISH

Rev. J. L. Cheavens Tells Students of South American Field.

The Rev. J. L. Cheavens of El Paso, Tex., spoke to the students of elementary Spanish at 2 o'clock yesterday on "The Value of Spanish." He discussed this subject from a commercial and literary viewpoint.

"The Spanish language is a great asset to anyone who enters the commercial world," he said. "The biggest field for commerce is in the Latin American countries, and in order to be successful there, one must have a good knowledge of Spanish. Spanish is also a great enjoyment, especially when one can read the many worth while Spanish books."

The Reverend Cheavens is also interested in newspaper work. At present he is the editor of the El Expositor Babilico and the coeditor of the El Atalya Bantista. He pointed out the fact that there was a great field for journalism in the Latin American countries.

The Reverend Cheavens left this morning for his home. While he was here he was the guest of his daughter, Martha Cheavens, a student in the University.

Miss Harn Is Playground Supervisor. Miss La Rue Harn of Tulsa, Okla., a 1920 graduate of the academy of Christian College, left last week for New Mexico where she will begin a season as supervisor of playgrounds with the Redpath-Horner Chautauqua. Miss Harn is one of the girls who has been in charge of the story telling hours at the Columbia Free Library Saturday afternoons.

Local boosters have complained of the results in about half of the towns and cities so far announced. Census bureau officials emphasize that they welcome complaints. They are just as anxious to correct mistakes as are the local inhabitants, they declare.

But counting the population of cities, counties, states and even the U. S. is but one function of the census, officials emphasize.

The census is intended to furnish information on which better government may be based, according to Director Rogers. This is why the greatest mass of economic and social data is included. The bureau is nearly half finished with the agricultural and manufactures census. Information collected in these investigations is that of most use to business men, government officials and economists.

## Million More Farms.

The agricultural census includes a count of the number of farms in the United States, number of farmers, including owners, managers and farm hands, and the value of all crops. Similar information is collected in the manufactures census.

The present census is expected to show that there are in the United States 7,000,000 farms as compared with 6,000,000, in 1910. To be classified as a farm, a piece of land must include at least three acres, must have produced \$500 worth of crops per year for the past few years or must have required the entire time of at least one man to cultivate it.

To complete the present census will require at least three years, according to Director Rogers. Although the enumerators are all done, except 600 working on the farm census and 300 on the manufactures census, sorting and classifying the data they obtained will require a long period. The results will be printed in twelve large volumes.

Approximately 75,000 enumerators were required to collect the ordinary population returns now all in. They received about \$6,000,000 for their work.

The entire cost of this census is placed at approximately \$25,000,000. This includes printing.

## WILL BUILD NEW MULE BARN

Wright Brothers Expect To Have It Finished By July.

Wright Brothers, local mule dealers, are building a mule barn just south of the Wabash stockyards, which covers over a half acre. It will be closed on all four sides and will have an office for the dealers and all equipment for the handling of the stock.

The building will have two driveways through it and fourteen pens 30 by 40 feet. The barn will hold 350 head of mules. There will be an overhead storage for feed which will hold ten carloads of hay and grain. The owners expect to have the building completed by July 1. The barn will be used to feed mules which are not in condition for the market when bought from the farmers.

Twenty-five carloads of mules were shipped from Columbia to Clarksdale, Miss., and sold there from January 10 to March 1 this year.

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## SOCIETY

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The color scheme was white and green, and the flowers, white lilies. The daughters of the members assisted. They were Virginia Hale, Laura Moss Stephens, Rosemary Belcher, Catherine Conley, Mary Gentry and Helen Mitchell.

Mrs. Bella Kirkbride and Mrs. J. M. Waugh left today for St. Louis.

Mrs. I. O. Hockaday entertained at a bridge tea this afternoon in honor of Mrs. W. H. Lunsven of St. Louis.

Mrs. John M. Nowell will entertain at dinner tomorrow evening for the following guests: Ritchie Williams of St. Louis, Chick Hunt of Pleasant Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Smith.

Miss Mildred Hutt, who has been spending the past week at the Eta Upsilon Gamma house will return to her home in Kansas City tomorrow.

Miss Mildred Hutt of Kansas City, John Hudson, and Kirk Quimby were dinner guests at the Alpha Phi house last night.

Among the Columbia families who will leave the latter part of this month or the first of June for summer resorts are Prof. and Mrs. H. M. Belden and children, who will leave Friday for a three months' stay at Central Lake, Alden, Mich.; Prof. Jonas Viles will spend part of his vacation at Waltham, Mass.; Mrs. Viles and children, Prof. and Mrs. Hermann Almstedt, Prof. and Mrs. Frederick Dunlap, Prof. and Mrs. G. H. Sabine, Prof. and Mrs. W. J. Shepherd and Prof. and Mrs. H. G. Brown, will also go to Central Lake.

## TENNIS IS HOARY WITH AGE

Sportsmen and Women of Medieval Times Enjoyed Game.

The glory of long life is not known by trees or people. They have but a mushroom existence compared to the more enduring features of our society. Our nation is younger than most of our popular games. The only modern feature of our popular game of tennis is the ultra smart costume of the contestant. The game itself is hoary.

Tennis was played in France as far back as the thirteenth century, and even in the medieval age the most famous tennis player was a woman named Margot. Margot used to play at Le Petit Temple in 1427 with such skill that she could hold her own with the best players of the opposite sex.

The game was first played with the palm of the hand. The popularity of the game increased during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. During this time nearly every king of France and England played the game. In 1530, Henry the Eighth built the court which still exists at Hampton Court Palace as the oldest court extant. The out-door court is a modern innovation.

## MARIS IN SUCCESSFUL WORK

M. U. Graduate Is Director of Oregon Extension Service.

According to the Portland Oregonian of May 12, Paul V. Maris, who was graduated from the College of Agriculture of the University in 1914, has been appointed director of the Oregon agricultural extension service.

Since 1916 Mr. Maris has been state leader of county agriculturists. He has done much toward putting farming in Oregon on a business basis. In 1919, 3,200 farmers attended extension schools, 1,640 farmers joined automobile excursions conducted in the interest and many farm exchanges were organized.

## Dealers Go After Automobiles.

From six to twenty-five new cars are being driven through Columbia every day by dealers who go to the factories after machines which manufacturers are unable to deliver. Dealers say that it is practically impossible to get cars by freight and in order to supply the local demand the cars are being driven overland from the factories, the majority of which are located in Michigan and Ohio. A caravan of six from Flint, Michigan passing through Columbia yesterday on their way to Kansas and three others stopped in the afternoon with placards announcing Oklahoma as their destination.

## Cattle Shipped To Columbia.

Ninety-eight head of cattle were received at the Wabash stock yard yesterday. One carload came from Omaha, Neb. and the rest came from St. Louis. The cattle will be sold to local farmers to put in grass.

## Mrs. Selbert Will Go to Ohio U.

Mrs. Louis Selbert, assistant professor in the home economics department of the agricultural extension service, will go to Ohio State University as assistant professor in the medical school, early in July.

## MISS PRICE'S School of Dancing

Miss Price will start a dancing class for new students, Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 p. m., at Read Hall Annex.

Private lessons by appointment, Phone 604.

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